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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR IVP GRANTEE GONZALO FAJARDO SALAS

REF: SAN JOSE A-18; SAN JOSE 1637

1. FAJARDO WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON WITH GRANTEE JULIO UGARTE TATUM TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 31.

2. AS SUGGESTED IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, FAJARDO IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN A VISIT PROGRAM WHICH WILL ACQUAINT HIM WITH THE TAX AND BUDGET PLANNING SECTOR OF A U. S. STATE. HE RIGHTLY BELIEVES THAT HIS VISIT SHOULD FOCUS AT THE STATE LEVEL RATHER THAN FEDERAL BECAUSE OF THE FORMER'S BETTER COMPARABILITY TO A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE COSTA RICA. AS A BUDGET EXPERT WITH INTERESTS IN THEORY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HE HOPES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE HOW A U. S. STATE GOVERNMENT WORKS OUT ITS BUDGETARY PROCESS AND RELATES IT TO THE STATE'S PLANNING PRIORITIES.

3. FAJARDO HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING THE MAJOR PART OF HIS PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA. THE EMBASSY IS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS IDEA AND RECOMMENDS, IF POSSIBLE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT PLAN THE GRANTEE'S VISITS FOR THAT STATE. FAJARDO HOPES TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN SACRAMENTO WITH APPROPRIATE STATE BUDGET TAX AND PROGRAM OFFICES. A WEEK DEVOTED TO RELATED MATTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (BERKELEY) WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE AS WOULD VISITS TO URBAN PLANNING CENTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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4. AS MENTIONED IN THE REFERENCE, FAJARDO WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A BRIEF REPLY CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR BOTH FAJARDO AND UGARTE BEFORE THEY DEPART.

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